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GDR LEGAL GAZETTE No 22 (7 pp; German; [REDACTED])

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This printed document, ^{the official GDR Legal Gazette,} contains the following:

- I. Decree of 15 February 1951 governing the Registration of Physiological and Technical Research Institutes and Laboratories, which defines the terms Research and Development, and Physiological and Technical Research and Developing Institutes; the process of registration; the authority of the Finance Ministry to withdraw financial assistance from all non-registered research institutions, and to stop the operation of private research enterprises; and the persons, groups, and administrative branches responsible to the State Planning Commission for the implementation of the directives.
- II. Decree of 15 February 1951 governing the Conclusion of New Collective Contracts in People-Owned and Similar Enterprises for the year 1951, which deals with the wage system in effect; the negotiation, by 31 May 1951, of collective agreements patterned on the basic collective agreement submitted by the League of Free German Trade Unions (FDGB); the confirmation and registry of such contracts; the negotiation of collective agreements, by 31 May 1951, between factory management and the trade union representation in the factories; and the wage scale index, based on the degree of required skill on the one hand and experience and qualifications on the other.
- III. Directive for the Implementation of Section 27 of the Law Concerning the Protection of Mothers and Children, and the Rights of Women, effective 31 January 1951, which deals with the tasks and organization of the parent seminars, training of lecturers, curricula, text books and other literature, fees, and financing.
- IV. Third Directive for the Implementation of the Law of 15 February 1951 governing ~~the~~ the Remission of Debts and Payments of Assets to Citizens of the GDR Who are Too Old to Work. Details given deal with the eligibility of applicants, method of filing applications, and processing of said applications by the competent administrative authorities.
- V. Scale of Fees (as of 20 February 1951) to be charged by the GDR Meteorological Service, instituted by decree of 27 July 1950. A table of fees, broken down into fixed, minimum, and maximum service charges for weather forecasts, information, and evaluations, and for scientific studies and research ~~are~~ given on page 21.

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RESTRICTION OF DATA ON GDR ENTERPRISES (4 pp; German; [REDACTED])

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This document, one printed and three typewritten pages, is in two parts:

(1) A two-page report on measures taken to conceal data on GDR enterprises from the [All] German Standards Committee (DNA). In the past, GDR firms could place orders for standard specification sheets (DIN Normblätter) with the West German Beuth-Vertrieb (distributing agency for the DNA) in Berlin and receive shipment by mail. Payment was made into an account maintained by the Beuth-Vertrieb in East Germany. Federations of People-Owned Enterprises (VVB's) were allowed membership in the DNA and paid dues according to the number of their employees. By March 1951 increasing difficulties were being experienced in carrying out this procedure. Directives concerning payments into the Beuth-Vertrieb's East German account were frequently changed, and Beuth shipments were sometimes even confiscated by GDR postal authorities. GDR firms complained to the ministries, pointing out that, though DIN standards were prescribed, it was difficult or impossible to obtain standard specification sheets.

The Central Office for Research and Technology investigated the matter and recommended a revised procedure, which was accepted by representatives of the Beuth-Vertrieb and the DNA, but which will not go into effect until approved by the Berlin City Council (Senat). It provides that: (a) the DNA shall receive membership dues from VVB's in a lump sum through the Central Office for Research and Technology; (b) the DNA branch in Dresden will be moved to East Berlin to handle shipments from the Beuth-Vertrieb to the GDR; (c) people-owned enterprises (VEB's) will order standard specification sheets through the Koehler-Volkmann bookstore in Leipzig, which will assign a code number to each purchaser, forward the coded orders to the DNA branch in East Berlin, receive shipments, and transfer money periodically to the East German account of the Beuth-Vertrieb.

This complicated procedure is designed to prevent the DNA in West Berlin from learning the personnel strength and organizational set-up of VEB's, i.e., which VEB's belong to VVB's and which are administered directly by the ministries.

(2) A two-page report on the election of the new Executive Committee of the DNA, including a list of new members. The Executive Committee is composed of 30 members, 20 from West Germany and 10 from East Germany. Since the GDR failed to put up candidates, West Germany went ahead and elected its 20 members, by mail, from a list of 31 nominees. The DNA subsequently received a letter from the East German Chamber of Technology (KdT) urging equal representation on the Executive Committee. This suggestion was turned down, and the KdT was informed that Western members had already been chosen and would meet on 10 April 1951 to elect a president. Without prior announcement, eight East Germans appeared at that meeting as members of the Committee (two others had also been elected). A new GDR attempt to secure equal representation was unsuccessful, but a Working Committee with equal representation was established.

The report lists the 10 East German members of the Executive Committee and an attached printed sheet contains the names (with brief biographical data) of the 31 West German nominees. Names of those elected are underlined in red pencil. Prof. Alfred Rachel, West Berlin, was elected president.

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